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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application:

- (1) a specification comprising 17 pages, including an abstract; and
- (2) 11 claims, contained in the specification.

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